

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on March 5, 2007 at
9:02 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Clayton Schenck, Barb Smith, Pam
Joehler, Lois Steinbeck, Marilyn Daumiller, and
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 808, HB 805, 3/1/2007
Executive Action: None

Opening Remarks:

00:00:55 Clayton Schenck, Overview of Agency Appropriations
Bills Narrative Books

00:17:08 Rep. Sinrud

[EXHIBIT\(aph46a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph46a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph46a03\)](#)

00:17:33 Rep. Franklin

HEARING ON HB 805

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:48 Rep. Rick Ripley (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB
805, Biennial funding for certain natural resource
agencies.

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), Page C-1

00:19:30 Rep. Ripley

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Page C-26

00:24:00 Rep. Ripley

00:29:30 Rep. Sinrud

Questions from Committee Members and Responses on FWP and DEQ

00:30:29 Rep. Franklin

00:32:51 Rep. Ripley

00:33:09 Rep. Sinrud

00:34:24 Rep. Ripley

00:35:08 Rep. Franklin

00:36:56 Rep. Ripley

00:37:52 Rep. Sinrud

00:38:01 Rep. Ripley

00:38:11 Rep. Sesso

00:40:44 Rep. Ripley

Department of Livestock (DOL), Page C-46

00:41:31 Rep. Ripley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses on DOL

00:43:29 Rep. Callahan

00:43:45 Rep. Ripley

00:44:11 Rep. Ripley

00:45:14 Rep. Musgrove

00:46:20 Rep. Ripley

**Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC),
Page C-62**

00:47:14 Rep. Ripley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses on DNRC

00:49:18 Rep. Franklin

00:52:35 Rep. Ripley

Department of Agriculture (DOA), Page C-85

00:53:22 Rep. Ripley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses on DOA

00:54:57 Rep. Sinrud

00:55:01 Rep. Ripley

00:55:22 Rep. Musgrove

00:56:14 Rep. Ripley

00:56:21 Rep. Callahan

00:56:38 Rep. Ripley

00:57:46 Rep. Sesso

00:57:57 Rep. Ripley

00:58:52 Rep. Sinrud

00:58:59 Rep. Ripley

00:59:20 Rep. Franklin

01:00:26 Rep. Sinrud

01:00:38 Rep. Franklin

01:00:54 Rep. Ripley

01:02:01 Rep. Franklin

01:02:31 Rep. Ripley

01:03:19 Rep. Sinrud

01:04:20 Rep. Franklin

01:05:01 Rep. Ripley

01:05:29 Rep. Sesso

01:07:35 Rep. Ripley

01:08:46 Rep. Witte

01:10:15 Rep. Ripley

01:10:46 Rep. McChesney

01:11:21 Rep. Sinrud

01:11:36 Rep. Ripley

01:11:43 Rep. Sesso

01:13:40 Rep. Ripley

01:14:06 Rep. Sinrud

01:14:28 Rep. Ripley

01:14:38 Rep. McChesney
01:15:31 Rep. Witte
01:16:39 Rep. Musgrove
01:17:47 Rep. Sinrud
01:17:53 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Department
01:18:31 Ms. Smith

Department of Commerce (DOC), Page C-98

01:18:51 Rep. Ripley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses on DOC

01:21:25 Rep. Franklin
01:22:00 Rep. Ripley
01:23:27 Rep. Musgrove
01:23:40 Rep. Ripley
01:23:52 Rep. Sesso
01:25:56 Rep. Ripley
01:27:21 Rep. Sinrud
01:28:49 Rep. Callahan
01:29:10 Rep. Ripley
01:31:15 Rep. Sinrud
01:31:22 Rep. Sesso
01:32:45 Rep. Ripley
01:33:04 Rep. Sesso
01:33:31 Rep. Ripley
01:34:52 Rep. Sinrud
01:35:27 Rep. Franklin
01:36:03 Rep. Sinrud
01:36:13 Rep. Franklin
01:36:31 Rep. Callahan
01:37:08 Rep. Ripley
01:37:31 Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Branch
01:41:24 Rep. Ripley
01:41:43 Rep. Franklin
01:42:18 Rep. Morgan

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:54 Sen. Bill Tash
01:44:36 Sen. John Cobb

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:45:40 David Ewer, Budget Director, Governor's Office
01:55:00 Richard Opper, Director, DEQ
02:03:57 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

02:09:05 Mary Sexton, Director, DNRC
 02:15:33 Nancy K. Peterson, Director, DOA
 02:23:48 George Harris, Acting Executive Officer, Board of
 Livestock
 02:24:32 Tony Preite, Director, DOC
 02:33:36 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation
 02:36:54 Jim Davison, Montana Economic Developers' Association
 02:41:58 Paul Tuss, Executive Director, Bear Paw Development
 Corporation

EXHIBIT (aph46a05)

02:43:20 Dick King, President and CEO, Missoula Area Economic
 Development Corporation

EXHIBIT (aph46a06)

EXHIBIT (aph46a07)

02:51:26 Jim Morton, Human Resource Council, Ravalli and
 Missoula Counties
 02:52:43 Mary McCue, Directors Association of Human Resource
 Development Councils

EXHIBIT (aph46a08)

02:53:46 Vicki Marquis, Coordinator, Missouri River Conservation
 Council

EXHIBIT (aph46a09)

02:57:29 Jill Lorang, Administrator, Cascade County Conservation
 District
 02:59:33 Nicole McClain, Coordinator, Yellowstone River
 Conservation Council

EXHIBIT (aph46a10)

03:08:29 Alissa Mitchell, Executive Director, Human Resource
 Council District 12

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:09:49 Rep. Wells
 03:16:52 Mr. Opper
 03:16:58 Rep. Wells
 03:19:38 Ms. Sexton
 03:21:13 Rep. Kasten
 03:21:58 Ms. Sexton
 03:23:16 Rep. Kasten
 03:23:55 Mr. Opper
 03:24:58 Rep. Kasten
 03:28:19 Mr. Preite
 03:29:16 Rep. Kasten
 03:30:02 Ms. McClain
 03:30:26 Ms. Sexton
 03:31:43 Rep. Taylor

03:33:34 Ms. Peterson
03:33:49 Rep. Taylor
03:34:22 Mr. Ewer
03:36:10 Rep. Sesso
03:36:51 Rep. Ripley
03:38:33 Pam Joehler, LFD
03:38:40 Rep. Sesso
03:39:07 Ms. Joehler
03:39:50 Andy Poole, DOC
03:40:32 Rep. Franklin
03:42:28 Mr. Poole
03:42:48 Rep. Wells
03:51:34 Mr. Preite
03:52:41 Mr. Ewer
03:52:59 Rep. McChesney
03:54:13 Mr. Opper
03:55:41 Rep. Franklin
03:57:13 Mr. Ewer
03:59:45 Rep. Franklin
04:00:13 Mr. Ewer
04:01:25 Rep. Sinrud
04:02:15 Rep. Ripley
04:02:50 Rep. Sinrud
04:02:58 Rep. Ripley
04:04:21 Mr. Ewer
04:06:43 Rep. Franklin
04:07:08 Rep. Taylor
04:07:14 Rep. Franklin
04:09:54 Mr. Opper
04:10:25 Rep. Witte
04:12:20 Mr. Opper
04:13:22 Rep. Sinrud
04:23:39 Mr. Opper
04:23:54 Rep. Sinrud
04:26:30 Ms. Sexton
04:27:43 Ms. Bachman, DNRC
04:28:15 Rep. Sinrud
04:28:54 Ms. Sexton
04:29:55 Mr. Ewer
04:30:43 Rep. Franklin
04:34:23 Mr. Ewer

Closing by Sponsor:

04:35:15 Rep. Ripley

04:37:41 Break
05:18:38 Resume

HEARING ON HB 808

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

05:18:47 Rep. Edith Clark (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 808, Biennial funding for DPHHS.

EXHIBIT (aph46a11)

Department of Public Health and Human Services, Page B-1

05:24:06 Rep. Clark

Informational Testimony:

05:31:27 Lucas Foust, Chairman, Board of Directors, Brain Injury Association of Montana; Resource Facilitation Services (RFS)

EXHIBIT (aph46a12)

05:34:36 Rep. Franklin

05:34:56 Rep. Sinrud

05:35:50 Rep. Franklin

05:36:40 Peter Wait, Helena citizen

EXHIBIT (aph46a13)

05:39:13 Natalia Marquis, Helena citizen

EXHIBIT (aph46a14)

05:42:36 Karen Sear, Helena, read testimony from Morgan Maynard

05:44:49 Mark Sander, Helena citizen

EXHIBIT (aph46a15)

05:46:23 Anita Roessmann, Resource Facilitation Service

EXHIBIT (aph46a16)

05:46:46 Sen. Don Hargrove, Montana Addiction Providers, Montana Meth Project

05:49:33 Mona Sumner, Chief Operations Officer, Rimrock Foundation, Billings

05:51:52 Linda Stoll, Montana's Area Agencies on Aging

EXHIBIT (aph46a17)

05:55:55 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association

EXHIBIT (aph46a18)

06:08:51 Deborah Hayes, District 11 Human Resource Council

06:09:33 Bill Woody, small businessman, Montana Health Solutions

06:10:44 Tracy Velzquez, Executive Director, Montana Mental Health Association

06:13:56 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

EXHIBIT (aph46a19)

06:19:55 Cathy McGowan, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

06:23:16 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner; MACo
Health and Human Services Committee

06:25:08 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a20\)](#)

06:28:55 Jeffrey Tiberi, Intermountain Children's Home

06:29:48 Charlie Briggs, Montana Association of Disabilities

06:32:28 Mary McCue, Human Resource Development Council
Director's Association

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a21\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a22\)](#)

06:35:41 Tom Peluso, Mental Health Local Advisory Council,
Gallatin County

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a23\)](#)

06:40:39 Jani McCall, Montana Children's Services Initiative
and Provider Information

06:42:30 Cris Volinkaty, DD Children's Services

06:44:46 Lora Wier, Montana Public Health Association

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a24\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

06:45:38 Sen. Cobb

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a25\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

06:57:02 David Ewer, Governor's Budget Director

07:03:31 Joan Miles, Director, DPHHS

07:20:13 June Hermanson, Program Director, Montana Youth
Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a26\)](#)

07:26:41 Shyla Pettra, Independent Living Specialist

07:29:58 Michael Beers, Missoula citizen

07:35:49 Melodie Bowen, North Central Independent Living

07:37:16 Tom Osborne, Executive Director, North Central
Independent Living Services, Great Falls

07:38:20 Terry Kendrick, Montana Women Vote

07:39:18 Linda Tracy, Executive Director, Montana Child Care
Resource Network; Montana Advocates for Children

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a27\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a28\)](#)

07:44:47 Kerry Connor, Bozeman citizen

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a29\)](#)

07:46:15 Linda Reinhart, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a30\)](#)

07:48:48 Davey Haglund, Montana Advocates for Children; Montana
Child Care Association

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a31\)](#)

07:50:27 Mary Bolink, Day Care Director, Montana State
University, Bozeman

EXHIBIT(aph46a32)

07:51:58 Terry Quatraro, Child Care Provider, Bozeman; also read
letter from Tawnia Eastman

EXHIBIT(aph46a33)

07:55:00 Break

08:52:30 Rep. Jayne and Rep. Hawk arrived

08:53:02 Resume

08:53:30 Claudia Clifford, Associate Director, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT(aph46a34)

09:00:15 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equity and Economic
Liberation (WEEL)

EXHIBIT(aph46a35)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:04:04 Rep. Morgan

09:08:40 Mr. Ewer

09:11:35 Rep. Morgan

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09:13:25 Rep. Morgan

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:50 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph46aad.pdf](#))